

U.S. Barracks Convalescent Camp

New Orleans, Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Mother,

Your letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> of last month was most gladly rec'd to day. I was very glad to hear from home again, the last one I had was dated August 23<sup>rd</sup>, it had some *diareah* medicine in it, and I believe your pictures came in the same one, there must be more letters some where for me I think by what you write in this one about father's business, I never have heard before any thing about it. I am so glad that he has is agoing to make some thing off from his machine. I had began to think that it never would be of any use to him but I hope now that he will make enough from it to pay him well for his past troubles. You write that you heard that we were going to Mobile, it is not so, the army has gone into Texas the last I heard from them, they were at New Iberia about 40 miles from Brashear, they had not met with with[sic] any opposition then, there has a large army gone up there this time there was one whole army Corps of Grant's men that come down from Vicksburg went up with them.

The last I hear from Harrison was by Uncle Sam, he was well, that was nearly two weeks ago.

Uncle Sam is in the Hospital, he has had a bad diareah[sic] for some time and the fever & ague. I wrote you last week that I had the ague. I am cured from it now, I had it very hard for about two weeks, I came near shaking my toe nails off, it is about as disagreeable a sickness as I ever had. I am well now and would like to go to my Regt but they will not send [crossed out] me. The Regt has been paid since they started, I think for the pay master went up to New Iberia to pay them.

We will not get any more checks, the paymaster told us we could stop them if we liked and nearly the whole Regy had them stoped[sic], five dollars is a pretty small allowance for a soldier in this country, it will not keep a man in tobacco and writing materials and stamps. I sent you my check of \$32.00 before we left Brashear and Harrison sent his a a day or two before. They had an examination here to day for discharge & all thoes[sic] that will not be fit for duty again got their discharge, and a great many that were disabled that would not be fir got duty in the Regt again that could do light garrison duty are going to be put into an invalid corps for light duty, it is said that they will be sent into their own states and some think they will garrison the

forts here. Duane D Cark is going to be put into the invalid Corps. Patsy Welch came here about a week ago, he was nurse there.

When he heard they was agoing to have an examination he was taken lame very sudden to be examined and got off a nice storm to the doctors and was put into the invalid corps.

I am cooking now, two of us cooks for sixty five men, it is the first cooking that I have done since I have been in the army, only what I cooked for myself, it is not very hard work.

Well it is a getting about bed time and I have got to get up early and make coffee for breakfast which with bread is all we have for our morning meal. Give my love to all.

From your son,

Frantz